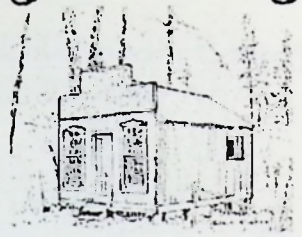


Newsletter of the

BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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COOKHOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Repair Work Completed Between Rain and Snow Showers

After several years, the roofing of Buncom's buildings is complete. The last -- and biggest -- of the buildings, the Old Cookhouse, is now sporting a new brown shingle roof. Just like with the Bunkhouse and the Post Office, within months the roof will weather to an antique gray.

Our thanks to Director Ron Marchetti for organizing the effort, and to roofers Mike Lower and Brian Chachere. They arranged for a discounted price on the shingles, and then did the work themselves on the steep sloping roof.

Completion of the roofing project ends the structural work on the buildings for the time being. Still to come are some cosmetic repairs, in particular windows in the Bunkhouse and Cookhouse, and the awning of the Cookhouse.

The Board of Directors is still contemplating work on the grounds around the buildings. Suggestions are welcomed.



The Old Cookhouse with its new shingle roof

BUNCOM DAY '99: SATURDAY, MAY 29

Spring is almost here, and Buncom Day can't be far behind! The 6th annual event is scheduled for **Saturday, May 29.**

Once again the Upper Applegate Grange will host a barbecue, there will be craft vendors and live music, and activities for the kids. We're told that plans are already underway for another year of the World Famous Buncom

Chicken Splat Contest, and the Parade will be back.

Buncom Day is the once-a-year celebration of our unique community and a great chance to catch up with neighbors and friends. Want to help? Call any of the directors (see Page 4).

And save **May 22** for a **Work Party** at 10 a.m. to get ready for the big event!

From Buncom's history:

Buncom's Postmasters

Buncom was an official U.S. Post Office from December 5, 1896, to December 15, 1917, a time that spanned the turn of the century and much of World War I. During its operation President McKinley was assassinated, the U.S. fought the Spanish-American War, and Oregon celebrated its 50th anniversary as a state.

During that same time in the Rogue Valley, Medford was eclipsing Jacksonville and Ashland and size because of the railroad, orchards were booming, and Sacred Heart Hospital and the Medford Hotel were built.

Five postmasters were officially appointed to serve during the 21-year life of the Buncom Post Office. The first was Jacob Parks, who opened the Post Office and served for 11 years, until 1907. His tenure in office was the longest of any of Buncom's postmasters.

The second Postmaster was William R. Garrett, appointed December 31, 1907. He served for eight years and was succeeded by Irvin R. Hamilton on February 4, 1915. Hamilton served for just over 15 months. Harley H. Hall took over on May 11, 1916, and served the shortest term, just eight months.

Buncom's final Postmaster was Allie E. Ingles, who took over from Hall on January 25, 1917, and closed the Post Office at the end of that year.

Society Attends Trail Band Show



Some 20 members of the Society attended the Christmas Show performance of The Trail Band in December at the Craterian Theater in Medford. The evening was an old-time country Christmas event, with the Portland-based band singling and playing many old favorites and some that were new to the audience.

In the photo above, Tom & Evelyn Hennion, Carolyn & J.B. Roberts, Connie & Ben Fowler, and Charlotte & Bob Powell take a stretch during intermission. In the bottom photo, Society President Reeve Hennion and members Haydn & Cora Lee regale the Trail Band's Rindy Ross with tales of Buncom.



Welcome to the McKee Bridge Historical Society

Jackson County -- and the Applegate Valley -- are about to have a new Historical Society. The folks who have been responsible for maintaining our own covered bridge, McKee Bridge, have sent all the paperwork in to become the county's 12th local historical society.

President of the new Society is John Ifft; Phyllis

Haseltine is treasurer and Barbaba Mumblo is secretary. Other board members are Evelyn Williams, Wil Simendinger and Dick Marlega.

All of us at Buncom wish them the best of success. We look forward to working with our neighbor Historical Society.

And One More Photo from The Trail Band Show . . .



From left: Raewyn and Diana Kelley, Karen Salant and Deanna Gossner.

REMEMBER: BUNCOM DAY IS MAY 29

A NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS, OLD AND NEW

If you haven't renewed already, it's time to send in your membership dues for 1999. See the form on Page 4.

We are also sending this copy of the newsletter to some of our old friends and members who may have let their memberships lapse by mistake. We cordially invite you to join us again!

For the first time, we're printing a list of our 1999 members and we will continue to do so. Now you can see for yourselves who belongs.

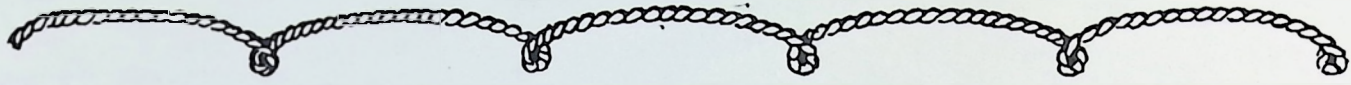
Membership dues are just \$5.00 per family. The Board of Directors since our founding decided that we didn't want to keep anyone from joining because of the cost of membership. So the entire family can be included for just \$5.00.

Membership brings you this quarterly newsletter and a Certificate of Membership suitable for framing. And, of course, the reward of knowing you are helping preserve the buildings and history of Buncom.

A SPECIAL THANKS ...

Along with their dues, several of our members sent additional donations. We would like to offer our additional thanks for their generous support:

Rod Vanderhoof
Don & Georgia Todd
Dick & Rose Marie Leever
John & Ethel Hassen
Don & Dolores Coffman



BUNCOM HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP DUES

Here's my membership dues for 1999. I've enclosed \$5.00 for an individual or family membership.

Please enter your name(s) as you would like it to appear on the membership certificate, suitable for framing, and the mailing list:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: Buncom Historical Society, 3232 Little Applegate Road, Jacksonville, OR 97530

BUNCOM IS Y2K COMPLIANT!

A survey of the buildings and grounds at Buncom has determined that there is not a single computer chip anywhere to be found! Buncom is not connected to any power, gas, phone or other utility.

Therefore, the Town of Buncom has been declared officially Y2K compliant!

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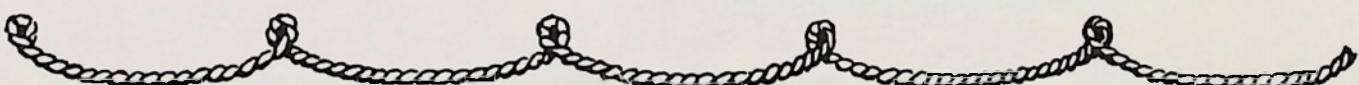
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